

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Work Group Monthly Report

March 9, 2016

Work Group Name: Provider Education and Policy Reform

Work Group Leader: Dr. Gale Burstein

Work Group Chair: Dr. Gale Burstein and Dr. Paul Updike.

Work Group Meeting Schedule: March 3 2016, next meeting to be determined; currently polling participants. Plan is to hold calls every other week. Task Force will reconvene May 2 2016.

Summary of meetings/Activities:

Multiple efforts to educate Primary Care Physicians in Erie county on Suboxone prescribing. Dr Updike is certified and will offer Provider Suboxone training 9/10/2016 @ Catholic Health headquarters. UB offered to provide CMEs. Dr. Burstein will start to reach out to PCP offices to get interest and work with CMP and health plans to recruit. Issue of insurance coverage and prior authorization for suboxone was raised. Judy Feld from IHA will try to organize health plan meeting to determine standardization criteria for office visits and pharmacy costs. Dr. Burstein working with Horizons to develop MOU for participating addictions specialists to perform suboxone inductions and refer patients back to PMD when on stable dose and allow PMD to call when have questions.

Dr. Updike working on local acute pain med guidelines to use for academic detailing and CME courses. UB offered to provide CMEs.

UB mini medical school presentations about opioid addiction on March 15,22,29 2016
collaboration of Addiction specialists, Pharmacy, UB school of medicine, ECDOH, and law
enforcement.

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Support needed? Help writing acute pain guidelines and MOU with addictions providers.